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Citi Bike Share READY TO ROLL on Memorial Day

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"In some neighborhoods, it might be easier to pick up a bike-share bike than find a cab."
Doug Gordon

Sexual violence

The suspect police are searching for. / NYPD

Woman sexually assaulted on subway

Cops are searching for a man who sexually assaulted a 21-year-old woman aboard a Brooklyn 4 train last week.

The victim was riding a southbound 4 train at about 3 a.m. on May 15 when the suspect exposed himself to her, police said. The man tried to engage in a conversation with the woman while exposing himself. When the woman refused, the suspect grabbed her and forced her against the train door.

When the doors opened at the Saratoga Avenue station, the victim escaped and ran towards the train conductor. The train conductor opened the doors so the victim could get on the train and closed the doors before the suspect could follow her.

The suspect fled the station onto Livonia Avenue. He was last seen wearing a green and blue waist-length windbreaker and dark blue jeans.

LAURA SHIN

The new Citi Bike share program will roll out to 333 stations in Manhattan and Brooklyn on Memorial Day weekend. / LARS KLOVE, NYCBS

Citi Bike Share set for holiday rollout

Wait. Citi Bike's Memorial Day weekend rollout is days away, but some people are trying to slam on the brakes.

Come next week, Citi Bike racks around Manhattan and Brooklyn will be stocked with gleaming blue bikes available for anyone to use with the swipe of a credit card. There are going to be 6,000 bikes at 330 stations around the two boroughs. Cycling enthusiasts are thrilled, but not everyone is welcoming the development.

Criticisms leveled against the program have ranged from saying the bikes are too heavy to calling them a safety hazard. A number of communities have been successful in lobbying to have the racks limited or removed, the New York Post reports — in one case, after an ambulance had difficulty reaching a West Village co-op resident.

But cycling advocate Doug Gordon of Brooklyn Spoke predicts the program would end up appealing to all people: those who struggle to carry a bike up the stairs of a walk-up; those who would like to bike to a movie without worrying about their bike and those who would like to bike to dinner.

"For me, one of the biggest positives is it in a way changes the definition and the discussion surrounding cycling," he said. "It's not just people living in Brooklyn and cycling to their so-called 'hipster jobs.'"

EMILY JOHNSON AND DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Cycling City

After a long delay, the Citi Bike share program is finally coming to New York City.

- The bike share will be the largest of any city in the United States.
- Users will able rent a bike with a swipe of a credit card.
- There are 330 stations with 6,000 bikes that will roll out in the first phase.

Politics. Bloomberg: Vito Lopez should not run for City Council

Mayor Michael Bloomberg thinks former state Assemblyman Vito Lopez should retire from politics.

Bloomberg said he believes Lopez should not run for City Council given the sexual harassment allegations that forced him to resign, the New York Post reports.

"I do not think he is the kind of person we want in the City Council based on what's reported about his actions," Bloomberg said.

Lopez resigned on Monday, but the once powerful Brooklyn politician said he plans to run for City Council.

LAURA SHIN

Silicon alley

NY Times threatens tech startup

A tech startup is being threatened with legal action by the NY Times after it created an imitation of the paper's feature "Snow Fall."

Cody Brown said he recently received a cease-and-desist letter from the Times.

EMILY JOHNSON

Election 2013. Helen Marshall confused over John Liu's run

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall appeared confused as to whether John Liu was running for mayor during an event to endorse Christine Quinn, Politicker reports.

A reporter for a Chinese-language newspaper asked Marshall if she wished the Queens Democratic party had backed Liu, who has a solid base there.

Marshall reacted with surprise when told he was running for mayor, saying, "Oh, I like him. I don't know why we didn't endorse him, then." Marshall's spokesman said that she misspoke. EMILY JOHNSON

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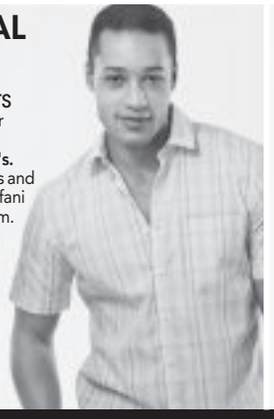

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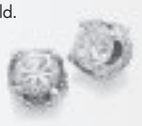

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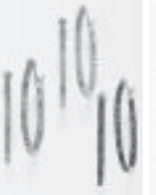

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Weiner kicks off bid in NYC mayoral race

Comeback. The once-disgraced politician has announced his run for mayor.

A video posted early yesterday on a revamped anthonyweiner.com — emblazoned with a logo reading "WEINER FOR MAYOR" — features the former politician in Brooklyn settings as he announces his candidacy for mayor.

"That's how this city was built," he says in the video.

Weiner also plugs his recently released "64 ideas" to improve the city.

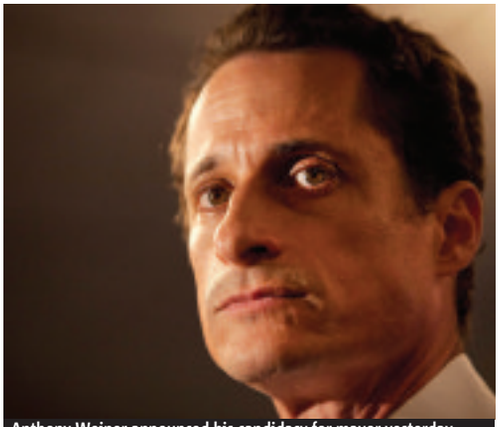
The video may have been posted prematurely. As Twitter exploded with the discovery of the video, the website reverted back to its previous design, sans video, and the tweet by Weiner disappeared.

Sources told The New York Post the video was supposed to be released later on Wednesday morning.

Weiner first announced he was considering a run for mayor in April.

A NBC/Marist poll released last month showed that Weiner would come in second place among the Democratic candidates for mayor. Quinn led with support from 26 percent of voters, and Weiner came in second with 15 percent.

The former congressman resigned in 2011 after he tweeted a lewd photo and lied about it, saying his account had been hacked.



Anthony Weiner announced his candidacy for mayor yesterday. GETTY IMAGES

Hard lessons

"Look, I made some big mistakes, and I know I let a lot of people down. But I also learned some tough lessons." Weiner

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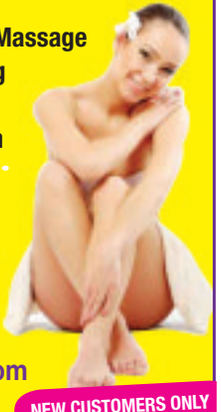

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Council speaker Christine Quinn and others march through the city after a recent hate crime. / AARON ADLER

Anti-bullying events held at NYC schools

Tolerance. The initiative will be held in the wake of recent hate crimes.

New York City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott has announced an initiative that will ask public schools to hold at least one anti-bullying program by the end of the school year.

The move comes amid a series of violent anti-gay hate crimes that have unsettled a city known for its progressive values,

"Given the recent events, I am asking that all schools incorporate anti-bullying lessons into end-of-year assemblies, programs and curricula to highlight the importance of treating people with respect and dignity," Walcott said, according to DNAinfo.

The initiative, aimed at keeping kids safe by fostering tolerance, was the brainchild of City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Gotham Schools reports. Quinn would become the city's first openly gay mayor if elected this fall.

Quoted

"No student should fear going to school because of bullying or harassment."
Walcott

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Constitution. Bill of Rights comes back to NYC and Philadelphia

In an agreement between the New York Public Library and the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, an original copy of the Bill of Rights will be displayed at various venues throughout the cities for the next 100 years. It will be on display at the Constitution Center from Fall 2014 until 2017, before coming back to New York City.

The New York Public Library, which obtained the copy in 1896, hasn't displayed the document for extended periods of time due to preservation concerns.

The original 10 amendments to the Constitution are referred to as the Bill of Rights. The 10 were added after the Constitution was signed into law.

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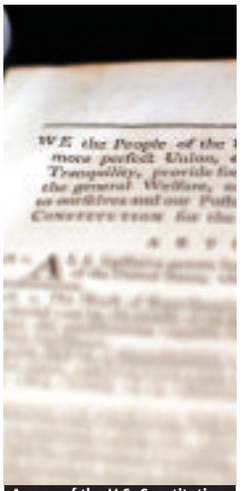

A copy of the U.S. Constitution
GETTY IMAGES

Politics. Peter Vallone goes after Vito Lopez's voter 'power base'

Queens Councilman Peter Vallone is calling for lawmakers to cut funding to the Vito Lopez-founded Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, "unless Vito's cronies step away from that organization and we get a pledge from Vito not to run."

Lopez recently resigned from the Assembly after the ethics committee produced a report detailing sexual harassment allegations made against him by female staffers.

He is rumored to be considering a run for City Council.

In the most recent campaign finance filing period, $1,700 of Lopez's contributions came from employees of the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council. A New York Times report noted the Council's offices close on Election Day so employees can vote for Lopez.

Councilmember Stephen Levin said that he would not support a plan to cut funding from RBSCC.

"The truth is, they provide good services," Levin said. "And so I don't think that it's appropriate to allow politics to dictate what programs get funded in that way."

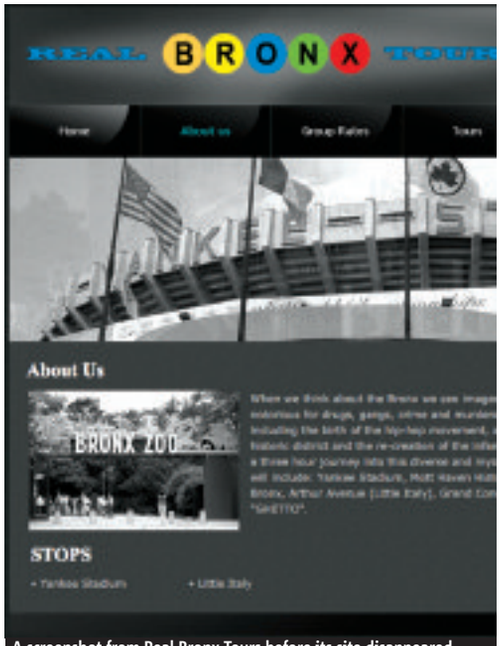
DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Viable candidate?

"A lot of people are saying that Lopez should not run, but no one is discussing the power base that he has in that district that allows him to run and be a viable candidate."

Vallone

Under pressure, Bronx 'ghetto' tour shutters



A screenshot from Real Bronx Tours before its site disappeared.
SCREENSHOT

Public outcry.
The tour company supposedly has closed its doors after pressure from residents.

Following a massive public outcry over a bus tour of the Bronx that offered "a ride through a real New York City 'GHETTO,'" Real Bronx Tours appeared to stop offering the tour.

The New York Post sparked the furor with an article detailing how the guide stopped at a food pantry so tourists could gawk at the people in line. The company charged $45 for the three-hour tour.

Former City Comptroller Bill Thompson hailed the news that the tour had been taken down and condemned the tour operators in harsh language.

"The Bronx and its people have taken incredible steps forward — creating economic opportunity, safer streets and vibrant communities for all of its people," said Thompson. "This outrageous tour got what it deserved. The only thing left to say is don't let the door hit you on the way out of town."

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"The Bronx and its people have taken incredible steps forward ... but clearly this company's owners are pathetic and despicable."

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Immigration reform

Reid says bill to reach Senate floor by June

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said yesterday he will bring the "strong[ly] bipartisan" immigration bill approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee to the chamber's floor in June.

He said the legislation, which would be the biggest change to U.S. immigration law in a generation, "will make our country safer and help 11 million undocumented immigrants get right with the law."

The committee approved the measure 13-5 Tuesday after adopting an amendment from Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch on visas for highly skilled foreign workers.

The measure was among the compromises Democratic panel members made in an attempt to strengthen the legislation's appeal to Republicans.

The legislation seeks to balance a path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S., sought by Democrats, with enough border security improvements to satisfy Republicans.

The current bill was written by a group of four Republican and four Democratic senators. Republican Sens. Jeff Flake of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, among the bill's authors, worked with Democrats to adopt about 100 amendments while defeating others that could undermine its prospects before the full Senate and in the Republican-led House. **BLOOMBERG**

Quoted

"The bill has moved to the right in the committee, and that will help its chances on the floor and put it in a better position."

Alex Nowrasteh
an immigration analyst at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

FBI agent shoots man connected to bombers

FBI evidence response agents work outside the apartment where a friend of the suspected Boston bombers was killed. / GETTY IMAGES

Boston connection. An agent says the Florida man was fatally shot after a "violent confrontation."

An FBI agent shot and killed a man of Chechen origin who turned violent while being questioned yesterday about his connection to Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of two Chechen brothers suspected of carrying out the Boston Marathon bombings.

A friend of the dead man identified him to local media as 27-year-old Ibragim Todashev, who had previously lived in Boston and knew Tsarnaev, the older of the two brothers suspected of detonating two bombs at the marathon on April 15.

"A violent confrontation was initiated by the individual," the FBI said. A special agent, it said, "acting on the imminent threat posed by the individual, responded with deadly force. The individual was killed and the special agent was transported to the hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries." **REUTERS**

Quoted

"He met them [a] few times 'cause he was [an] MMA fighter, the other guy [a] boxer. They just knew each other, that's it."

Khusn Taramiv, friend of Todashev's, about his connection to Tsarnaev

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Tornado victim Rebeca Burns, center, looks through a pile of clothing at a roadside relief camp in Moore, Okla. As rescue efforts wound down, residents turned to the daunting task of rebuilding their heartland community. / GETTY IMAGES

Recovery starts in Moore after deadly tornado

Long road ahead.

Rescuers scoured debris, ensuring there were no more survivors before efforts to pick up the pieces began.

Rescue workers with sniffer dogs picked through the ruins of an Oklahoma town yesterday to ensure no survivors remained buried after a deadly tornado left thousands homeless and trying to salvage what was left of their belongings.

"Yesterday I was numb. Today I cried a lot. Now I'm on the victory side of it," said Beth Vrooman, who hid in a shelter in her garage during Monday's storm in Moore, Okla. When the winds died down, she realized a car was blocking her exit.

"It took some muscle, but I got out," Vrooman said as she sifted through piles of clothing, broken knickknacks and nail-studded boards that had once been her home.

The tornado on Monday afternoon flattened entire blocks of the town, including schools, a hospital and other buildings.

At least 24 people were killed and 240 injured, but authorities were confident that everyone caught in the disaster had been accounted for.

More than 1,000 people had already registered for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which sent hundreds of workers to Oklahoma to help with the recovery. REUTERS

In their backyard

Senators who opposed Sandy bill accept disaster aid

Many lawmakers expressed relief yesterday that they took action in January to bulk up the FEMA disaster relief fund.

But Oklahoma's two senators found themselves in an awkward position for having voted against the $60 billion supplemental appropriation bill that was largely aimed at providing relief to victims of Superstorm Sandy. REUTERS

Road trip

Vacationers to hit road, grounded by high fares: AAA

More Americans will take to the road over the Memorial Day holiday weekend this year than in 2012, but overall travel is expected to decline slightly, as high airfares ground would-be flyers, travel group AAA said yesterday.

"American travelers are experiencing fee fatigue and frustration with everything from higher fares to airport security," AAA President and CEO Robert Darbelnet said in a statement.

The 8 percent decline in air travel will be offset by an additional 100,000 Americans on the roads, AAA said. REUTERS

By the numbers

34.8M

According to a survey, 34.8 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more over the holiday weekend.

Official refuses questions at IRS Senate hearing

The Fifth. Lerner insists she is blameless but refuses to testify.

The Internal Revenue Service official at the center of a scandal about extra tax scrutiny of conservative groups told Congress yesterday she had done nothing wrong but invoked her constitutional right not to answer questions.

Lois Lerner, who heads the IRS tax-exempt unit, angered lawmakers by reading a statement before refusing to testify, but she was dismissed from the hearing with a warning that she could be called back for another appearance before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"I have not done anything wrong. I have not broken any laws. I have not violated any IRS rules or regulations, and I have not provided false information to this or any congressional committee," Lerner told the panel.

House Oversight Chairman Darrell Issa, a California Republican, said Lerner appeared to have waived her right against self-incrimination by making the statement. Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina demanded that she stay to answer questions, drawing applause from the crowd. REUTERS

Lerner is sworn in before testifying. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I know that some people will assume that I have done something wrong. I have not."

Lerner

White picket fence

Home sales at three-year high in April

Home resales rose in April to the highest level in nearly 3 and a half years, and prices surged, offering the economy a buffer from the stiff headwinds posed by belt-tightening by Washington.

The National Association of Realtors said existing sales advanced 0.6 percent to an annual rate of 4.97 million units, the highest level since November 2009. The data underscored the housing market's improving fortunes as it starts to regain its lost glory. REUTERS

The Fed. Bernanke: Not ready to pull back on stimulus funding

The Federal Reserve's monetary stimulus is helping the economy recover, but the central bank needs to see further signs of traction before taking its foot off the gas, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday.

In testimony that offered little sign he is ready to retreat from the Fed's latest round of bond buying, Bernanke emphasized the high costs of unemployment and inflation that continues to run below the Fed's target.

"Monetary policy is providing significant benefits," he told the congressional Joint Economic Committee, citing strong consumer spending on autos and housing, as well as increases in household wealth. REUTERS

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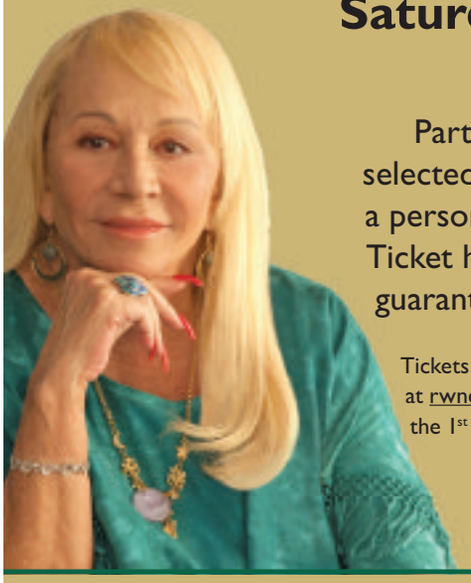

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Pussy Riot

Russian punk band member starts hunger strike

A member of the Pussy Riot band who was jailed over a protest against President Vladimir Putin in a Russian cathedral said yesterday she was starting a hunger strike after she was barred from a parole hearing.

Maria Alyokhina also told her lawyers to quit the proceedings.

She and bandmate Nadezhda Tolokonnikova are serving two-year prison terms for bursting into Moscow's main Russian Orthodox cathedral in February 2012 and singing a profanity-laced "punk prayer" urging the Virgin Mary: "Throw Putin out!"

Speaking through a video link from prison, Alyokhina told the court considering her request for release on parole that it had violated her rights by not allowing her to take part. **REUTERS**

UK soldier hacked to death in London street

Vicious murder. Suspect records himself at the scene of the slaughter.

A startling video aired by Britain's ITV network shows a man suspected in the beheading of a British soldier on a busy London street yesterday near the scene of the slaughter.

Speaking in a London accent, the man says to the camera: "I apologize that women had to witness this today, but in our country, our women see this happening all the time."

In other parts of the video, said to be too shocking to show, he reportedly says: "This British soldier is an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

He then is shown walking back to the victim's prone body, which was being protected by three local women despite the fact the alleged attackers remained nearby.

A still image from Britain's ITV news shows a man with bloodied hands carrying a knife in the area of the attack. / ITV NEWS

Quoted

"These two guys were crazed. They were not there, they were just animals. They then dragged him from the pavement and dumped his body in the middle of the road. They took 20 minutes to arrive — the armed response."

A witness named James

The British government called an emergency meeting of Cobra, its highest-level anti-terrorism task force, after the serving soldier was hacked to death.

The soldier, said by witnesses to be wearing a T-shirt supporting Help for Heroes — the charity that raises funds for injured U.K. service men and women — was attacked by two men near the Woolwich barracks area of London.

The BBC reported that the soldier was first hit by a car driven by the two men, after which they attacked him with knives and machetes. Witnesses said attempts were made to behead the soldier.

The attackers reportedly waited for 20 minutes while specially armed police units arrived. The men then attacked police officers and were shot, reports said. The latest reports said both were in local hospitals, at least one of them in serious condition.

The calling of a meeting of the Cobra committee is a strong indication that the British government regards the attack as terror related. Islamic fundamentalists have long threatened to attack British service personnel in a guerilla-style attack. Terrorist videos have also featured British Muslims threatening to behead a U.K. soldier.

Nick Robinson, political editor of the BBC, confirmed the British government was treating the attack as terror related.

The attackers shouted "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is Great," during the attack and while confronting police, witnesses said.

A witness named James told London's LBC radio: "We saw clearly two knives, meat cleavers. They were big kitchen knives like you would use in a butcher's. They were hacking at this poor guy. We thought they were trying to remove organs from him."

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Terrorists resorting to solitary tactics

The killing by U.S. and allied forces of hundreds of al-Qaida operatives in the last two years has reportedly weakened the terror organization substantially, and forced its followers to resort to lone-wolf-style attacks such as the one on a U.K. soldier yesterday.

The American-born Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awlaki said as much before he was killed in a U.S. drone strike in 2011.

In 2007, a plot was uncovered among a group of British-born Muslims to kidnap and behead a British soldier. Centered in the city of Birmingham, which has one of the biggest Muslim populations in the country, the group planned to snatch a soldier off the streets and take him to a safe house.

There, according to intelligence intercepts, the man would be blindfolded, handcuffed, ordered to make a video demanding the withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq and then beheaded.

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Sony to assess spin-off plan; cuts sales goals

Weaker forecast. Sony cuts its 2014-15 camera sales expectations.

Sony Corp. cut its sales targets for digital cameras, smartphones and tablets by 13-17 percent for the year to end March 2015, but said there were "encouraging" signs of a revival in its electronics business.

CEO Kazuo Hirai told a press briefing yesterday that Sony would assess a proposal from its biggest shareholder, billionaire Daniel Loeb's Third Point LLC hedge fund, that the group should sell up to a fifth of its music and movies business, which includes artists such as Adele and hit franchises like "Spider-Man."

Sony president Kazuo Hirai / GETTY IMAGES

Loeb argues a partial spin-off of Sony Entertainment would free up cash to help the struggling electronics division and could boost Sony's stock price by 60 percent.

Third Point's "proposal is one that affects a core part of Sony's business and the direction of our management, so the Sony board will give it thorough consideration before replying to Mr. Loeb," Hirai said.

Sony has relied on entertainment and insurance profits to offset losses from TVs and other consumer devices.

Sony shares charged to their highest in more than two years yesterday after the Nikkei newspaper said Sony's board would consider Loeb's proposal. **REUTERS**

Game over?

Atari seeks court approval for asset sale

Video game maker Atari Inc. is seeking court approval for the sale of all its assets as it works its way out of bankruptcy protection.

The company said on Tuesday it tried looking for a buyer with the help of its investment banker, Perella Weinberg Partners, but was unable to find a "stalking horse," or initial bidder, acceptable to it.

Atari has set a minimum bid of $15 million for the Atari brand. The company received $5 million in debtor-in-possession financing from Alden Global Value Recovery Master Fund LP.

The video game maker, known for classic titles such as Pong, Asteroids and Centipede, filed for bankruptcy protection early this year along with its French counterpart, Atari SA. **REUTERS**

Special skills. SAP seeks programmers on autism spectrum

German software company SAP is looking to recruit people with autism as programmers and product testers, drawing on skills that can include a close attention to detail and an ability to solve complex problems.

SAP has asked start-up Danish recruitment company Specialisterne to help it find, train and manage employees diagnosed with the disability.

"They bring a special set of skills to the table, which fits with SAP," said a spokesman for the company, which has already hired people with autism in India and Ireland.

Specialisterne Chief Executive Steen Thygesen said the partnership was his first with a multinational company to help with its worldwide recruitment.

The Danish company says it has already helped several hundred autistic people to find a job. Sufferers often find it harder to communicate, and some have lifelong learning disabilities.

Those with a form of autism known as Asperger's syndrome can sometimes have above-average intelligence. As children, they may prefer mathematics and other subjects rooted in logic and systems, according to Britain's National Autistic Society. **REUTERS**

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"People with autism have some unique abilities to really focus on their task and stay focused for long periods of time. They are also good at spotting discrepancies in data."

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‘Bachelorette’ star on her alcoholism

Former “Bachelorette” star (circa 2004) Meredith Phillips is coming clean about getting clean.

“For years I’d wake up every day feeling like I was hit by a truck,” says Phillips in an exclusive to People magazine about her years of alcoholism. She says at her lowest point, she was drinking more than 20 bottles of wine a week and blacking out daily. “But I realized I was going to kill myself,” she says. “There wasn’t another path for me other than to stop.” She is 150 days sober.

Does scheduling an interview with People magazine after only 150 days of recovery strike anyone else as crazy? Isn’t there something in AA that says to wait at least a year to seek publicity?

Tamra Barney to get Bravo spin-off

“The Real Housewives of the OC” star Tamra Barney joins the ranks of Bethenny Frankel and Kim Zolciak as Housewives who have gotten their own Bravo shows. The divorced mother-of-four’s new series will chronicle her wedding to fiance Eddie Judge, which will take place this summer in California.

The two are then opening a gym together (of course they are).

So far, the show has no title, but the spinoff is a no-brainer, according to RadarOnline. “For Bravo, she has it all: the romantic storyline of getting married, for a third time, the drama with the other OC Housewives, and she’ll inevitably be a beautiful bride when she walks down the aisle,” a source tells the site.

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood’s biggest names to see what they’ve been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Alec Baldwin is on vacation, Kelly Osbourne is not feeling well, Seth Rogen is trying to be helpful and Katy Perry is not enjoying pop music.

@ABFoundation: When I am in Europe, I realize how behind the rest of the world the US is vis a vis renewable energy...

@MissKellyO: I swear to god I have spent the better part of a day staring at the wall the antibiotics the DR put me on are so strong!

@sethrogen: I finally joined Facebook! To make up for lost time, I made a tutorial vid showing how to roll a CROSS JOINT!

@katyperry: Just heard a new song on the radio called “I hate being sober” I now have serious doubt for the world.

Oh, hello! Look who is in yellow!

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, wore a fascinator and a cheerful yellow coat for a garden party at Buckingham Palace yesterday hosted by Queen Elizabeth II. / GETTY IMAGES

Fanfic writers now will get paid

Writing sexy fanfiction late at night about the torrid love affair between Edward and Bella? Now your masturbatory efforts might earn you a paycheck on top of fulfilling your fantasies. Amazon Publishing announced yesterday that it will soon debut Kindle Worlds, the first commercial platform designed for officially sanctioned fanfiction, according to Deadline. “Gossip Girl,” “Pretty Little Liars” and “The Vampire Diaries” are already signed on. When a writer uses the characters from one of those series (more will be announced) every sale generates royalties for both the fanfic author and the original content’s copyright holder.

Ryan Gosling film booed in Cannes

Uh-oh, is this a rare misstep for the beloved film star and hot Internet meme that is Ryan Gosling? It looks like his new film, “Only God Forgives,” suffered multiple walk-outs and boos due to the film’s over-the-top violence during a recent screening at Cannes. But a few reviewers have defended the film. The Guardian gave it five stars with the caveat that it might “have people running for the exits.” Gosling is perhaps the only celebrity not at the famed festival. Cannes director Thierry Fremaux read a letter from Gosling, which apologized for his absence. “Can’t believe I’m not in Cannes. I’m on week three shooting my film in Detroit. Miss you all.”

Lest Gosling get upset, getting booed at Cannes isn’t the worst. The audience there once famously booed “Taxi Driver,” so what do they know?

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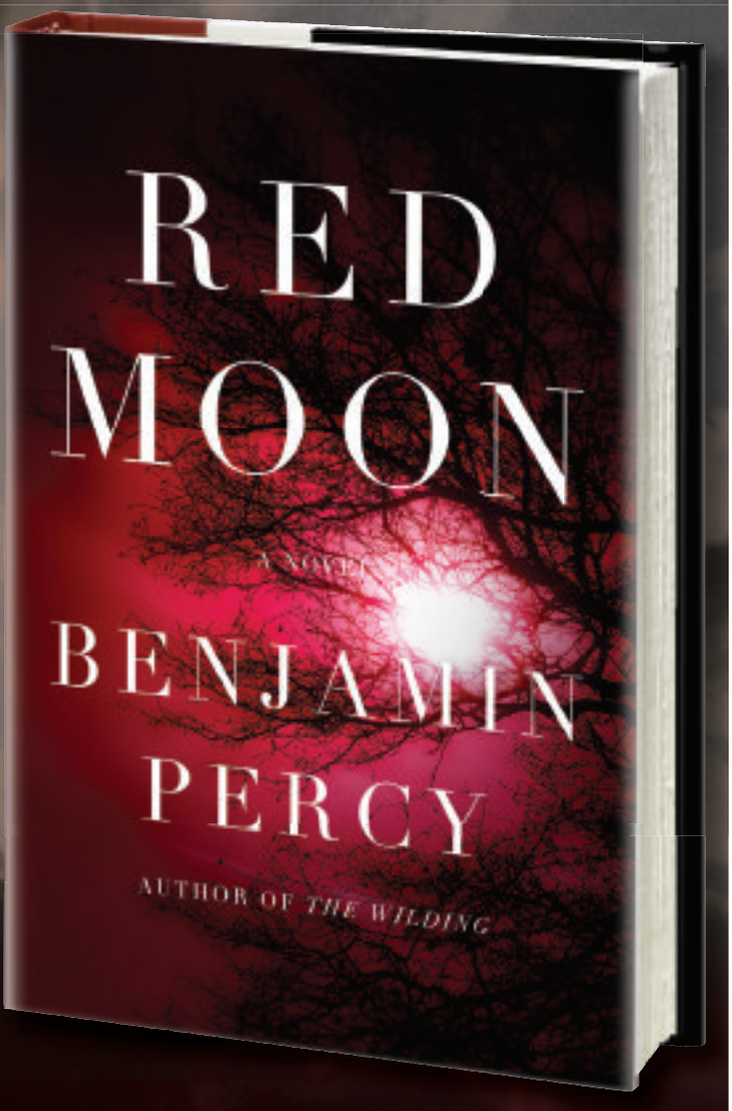

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Clean, sober — and not an entirely boring sequel

Comedy sequel. The threatened final "Hangover" tries something different, but it's not all bad.

Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis aren't hungover in "The Hangover Part III." / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Review

'The Hangover Part III'

Director. Todd Phillips

Stars. Zach Galifianakis, Bradley Cooper

Rating. R

The most repetitive sequel since "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York," the second "Hangover" hit every beat from the original with superficial differences: Bangkok instead of Vegas, a monkey instead of a baby, a ladyboy instead of Heather Graham. They might well have done the same thing a third time — but "Part III" breaks the formula, only to play like weak fan fiction unaccountably directed by and starring the team who made the others.

That said, there are stray moments of semi-invention. As threatened, this time there is no rohypnol-laced binge. It seems destructive hedonist/Asian stereotype Chong (Ken Jeong) stole from a mafia type (John Goodman). He assumes that the gang — sorry, Wolfpack — are the best way to find Chong and get payback.

It's likely the series' many fans are going to hate this threequel because it isn't like the others and isn't very funny. Occasional attempts at depth fall flat because the writers attempted to humanize the wrong character: Zach Galifianakis' Alan, who ought to have become weirder and scarier, not more fragile and sad.

Honestly, none of the "Hangovers" are great comedies. But they're incredibly dark, with death always around the corner. "Part III" goes even darker, opening with the needless decapitation of a certain animal. Later, an actual murder finally enters the franchise. For about two seconds, "Part III" feels like it could end with our heroes dead. If it were actually that kind of movie, there'd be little reason to complain.

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"Fast & Furious 6" has a tank. And a flying Tyrese Gibson. / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

1 'Fast & Furious 6'
"All roads lead to this," cry the ads for this sixquel, whose seventh entry has already been greenlit. Vin Diesel and Paul Walker's speed demons team up with Dwayne Johnson's fed to infiltrate… oh, who cares what it's about? All that matters is there's a chase scene with a freakin' tank.

2 'The Hangover Part III'
Word has it this threequel finally breaks the trend and doesn't concern three guys solving mysteries while fighting off a hangover. But is that a good thing?

3 'Epic'
What, "The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs," the William Joyce novel upon which this animated fantasy is based, wasn't a catchy title? Regardless, enjoy this, America: This is the only non-sequel new film in wide release this weekend.

4 'Before Midnight'
In a weekend overloaded with sequels, the most respectable is the second sequel to "Before Sunrise." Did Celine and Jesse (Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke) stay together after "Before Sunset"? Do they have kids? Have they grown weary of each other? (Spoilers: Yes, yes and maybe.)

5 'We Steal Secrets: The Story of Wikileaks'
Another season, another Alex Gibney documentary. The absurdly prolific nonfiction-maker — whose "Mea Maxima Culpa" came out only months ago — takes on Julian Assange and gang, but with fewer cutesy montages.

6 'The English Teacher'
Julianne Moore plays a single cat lady high school teacher — who still looks like Julianne Moore — who mounts a dark and controversial play by a former star pupil (Michael Angarano). Greg Kinnear and Nathan Lane co-star.

7 'Fill the Void'
Director Rama Burhstein's drama finds a devoutly Orthodox Hasidic teenager in Tel Aviv whose arranged marriage runs into a hitch when she's forced to care for her nephew.

8 'A Pig Across Paris'
A French favorite in its homeland that has never gotten a major American release, this 1956 comedy stars Jean Gabin and Bourvil as two men trying to smuggle black market meat across the capital city during the Nazi occupation.

9 'Star Trek Into Darkness'
J.J. Abrams' reboot sequel, heavily indebted to "Star Trek II" from 1982, is underperforming, having "only" made $70 million last weekend. The masses ignoring "Star Trek" movies: just like the good old days.

10 'Frances Ha'
Greta Gerwig ("Greenberg") and Noah Baumbach reteam sans Ben Stiller for this grainy, black-and-white, vaguely French New Wave-inspired lark about a twentysomething (Gerwig) languishing in twentysomething hell after her bestie (Mickey Summer) finds a man.

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Watch as these office drones try not kill each other on "Does Somebody Have to Go?" / CHRIS TOMKO, FOX

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'Does Somebody Have to Go?'

This new reality series, which attempts to fix whatever ails troubled office spaces, takes control from the machine and hands it to the cogs. Call us crazy, but does anyone else see this turning into a skirt-suited, dress-shirted "Lord of the Flies" situation, only with passive aggression wielded instead of spears? Maybe there is a reason these people are middle management.

SERIES PREMIERE, 9 P.M., FOX

COMEDY

'Zach Stone Is Gonna Be Famous'

In another scripted MTV show starring comedian Bo Burnham, the titular Zach makes a sex tape. "Awkard." See what we did there? **10 P.M., MTV**

REALITY

'Braxton Family Values'

Few things make us sadder than a once semi-famous singer who nobody really remembers who now has a reality show on a network nobody watches. Unbreak our hearts, Toni, we beg of you. **9 P.M., WE**

GAME SHOW

'The American Bible Challenge'

We just found out that there is a game show in which contestants answer questions about the Bible. Oh Jesus, that sounds boring as hell. **10 P.M., GSN**

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

Sequels that

List. We round up franchise films that tried something different — and sometimes pissed off their fans.

Sequels come in few flavors. Some (like "Star Wars") continue a storyline; some (like "Home Alone 2") hit repeat. Others, like the James Bonds and the "Fast and the Furious" films, help a franchise endure by shape-shifting, adapting for the times and swapping out stars as they age or move on. Very few completely change course midstream. With "The Hangover Part III" not being about a hangover, we round up films that messed with formula — and sometimes got burned.

Clint Eastwood himself directed only one Dirty Harry picture, "Sudden Impact."

Scene stealer

'Sudden Impact'

(1981)

Clint Eastwood made his directorial debut with "Play Misty for Me" in 1971, the same year he first embodied rebel cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan. The five-film series has mostly been helmed by genre directors of varying quality. For the fourth, Eastwood — a more laid-back and thoughtful breed of filmmaker than, say, Ted Post ("Magnum Force") — took over. Though it's the one that features the "Make my

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broke the trusted formula

day" bit, it's a slower and more probing film than the rest: Harry finds unexpected empathy with a vengeful murderer (Sondra Locke) whom historically he would have gunned down with his .44. Regardless, it's the series' biggest grosser.

'Halloween III: Season of the Witch'

(1982)
John Carpenter originally envisioned that his series would boast new villains in every film. But even though the first sequel brought back Michael Myers, the third adhered to this vision, thus confusing everyone when the baddie turned out to be 62-year-old Dan O'Herlihy, playing the owner of a Halloween costume manufacturer hell-bent on domination.

'Army of Darkness'

(1993)
"Evil Dead" goes medieval! Bruce Campbell's Ash, the survivor of "The Evil Dead" and its comic sequel/sorta-remake, was suddenly whisked to the Middle Ages for no reason other than, "Wouldn't that be kind of awesome if a gorefest series did that?"

'Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning'

(2012)
When few were looking, "Universal Soldier" — a modest hit for Jean-Claude Van Damme back in 1992 — lived on as a direct-to-video mainstay about a cyborg fighter. Anyone who caught up with its sixth entry would have been shocked to find that it barely resembles the original. Now Van Damme is the bad guy and the star is some guy (Scott Adkins) on a routine revenge mission. Most different of all, this John Hyams film is very well-made and a lot of fun.

The "Hangover" guys try something different this time.
MELINDA SUE GORDON, WARNER BROS. PICTURES

'Babe: Pig in the City'

(1998)
There could have easily been endless nice films about Babe, the talking pig, on his farm with other talking animals. But the first sequel killed this prospect by taking our pig into a mega-metropolis and going dementedly creepy and wonderfully dark. Parents famously freaked, and the film tanked, but most kids would adore it.

'The Hangover Part III'

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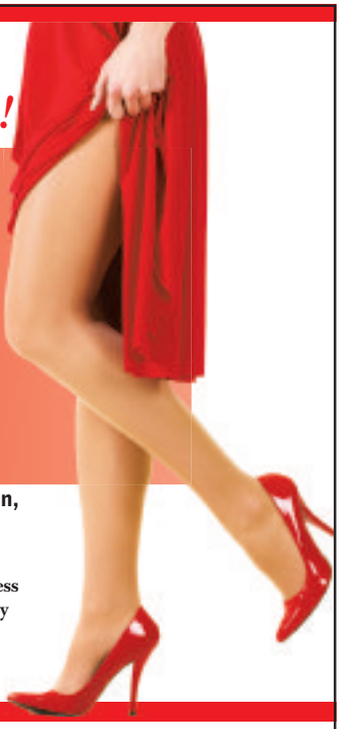

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Broadway's most boring

Theater review. We had more fun at "Spider-Man" than "Matilda." Enough said.

At least there's a pretty set to look at in "Matilda the Musical." / JOAN MARCUS

With its magic and wit, the beloved children's book "Matilda" by Roald Dahl should have translated spectacularly to the big-stage spectacle of Broadway. While several of the stunts are superb, a predictable plot keeps the show from being enjoyable at an adult level.

Despite its dozen Tony Award nominations, including a nod for Best Musical, there's a big puzzle piece missing from "Matilda." Primarily, the dialogue seem a little lackluster, and the comedy fails to provoke many laugh-out-loud moments. Even a large man (Bertie Carvel) cross-dressing as the sadistic, kid-hating Agatha Trunchbull is a bit of a one-note joke.

But more to the point, it's the simplicity of the story: The good guys are good, and the bad guys are bad, and there's never any doubt of who will wind up winning the day. The only reason to keep your eyes open is for the fun choreography (Peter Darling), largely accomplished by a cast of child actors, the likes of which are hard enough to herd in minor roles, much less giving them nearly three hours' worth of showtime to shoulder. Four young girls share the title role, but there isn't one in the world who could possibly endear us to this Matilda Wormwood. She's a cute little genius with superpowers, to whom nothing unbearably awful happens, and it's hard to envision this heroine as an underdog. In moments of fitful boredom, we began rooting for Trunchbull.

This production of "Matilda" is probably most appropriate for kids or those who aren't already familiar with the tale. We'd be willing to give the soundtrack (Tim Minchin) a shot on its own, however, thanks to the libretto's quick lyrics that never condescend to the listener.

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Tony Award nominations

- **Best Musical**
- **Best Actor:** Bertie Carvel
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- **Best Director:** Matthew Warchus
- **Best Choreography:** Peter Darling
- **Best Book:** Dennis Kelly
- **Best Score:** Tim Minchin
- **Best Orchestrations:** Chris Nightingale
- **Best Set Design:** Rob Howell
- **Best Costume Design:** Rob Howell
- **Best Lighting Design:** Hugh Vanstone
- **Also, Sophia Gennusa, Oona Laurence, Bailey Ryon and Milly Shapiro will receive Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theatre for their performances as Matilda in "Matilda the Musical."**

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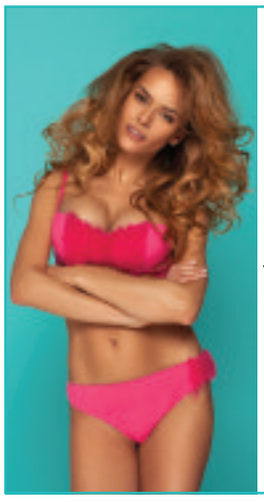
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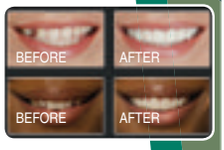

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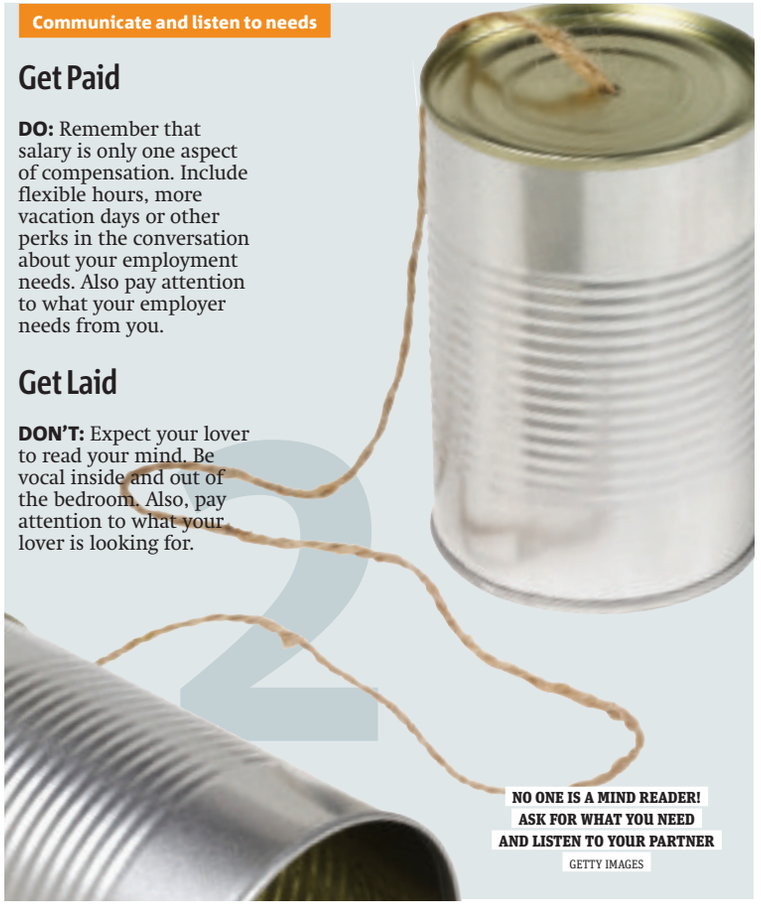

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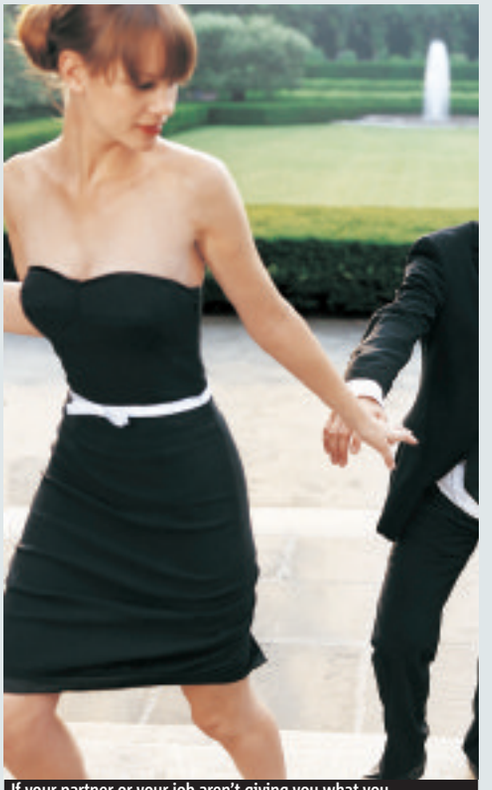

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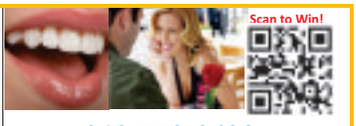

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Who has the biggest and the best meatballs in New York? We went balls to the wall in our search for the city's most coveted ballers. Let's get the ball rolling, shall we? (And yes, these puns will continue throughout this piece.)

Meatball Obsession

510 Sixth Ave., 212-260-8646
Daniel Mancini remembers his grandmother serving him a meatball in a coffee mug as a kid. He now shares that childhood memory with New Yorkers at this West Village walk-up window. Get your balls on-the-go in a cup of piping hot sauce with toppings like ricotta and gnocchi.

The Meatball Shop

Multiple locations, www.themeatballshop.com
How do you stay on the ball in a competitive meatball city? Ask Daniel Holzman and Michael Chernow. You'll have a ball mixing meats and sauces at their popular joint. If you like variety (we call it free-balling,) this is your place!

Num Pang

Multiple locations, numpangnyc.com
The Italians aren't the only ones who know balls. This Cambodian sandwich shop puts an Eastern twist on these orbs that will have you feeling ballsy. Beef hoisin meatballs are stacked atop a fresh baguette with shredded carrots and cilantro, smothered in zesty chili mayo. You'll need two hands and a lot of napkins for this baby.

Stanton Social

99 Stanton St., 212-995-0099
If you wake up with balls on the brain, hit Stanton Social, where meatballs grace the brunch menu. Bring the old ball-and-chain with you, because the double order of traditional meatballs can easily be shared. These pork, veal and ground Wagyu beef balls are the perfect balance of traditional and modern.

Piccolo Angolo

621 Hudson St., 212-229-9177
If you think you can play hardball with the best of them, head here for a trip to the old country. It's just the place for a heaping pile of spaghetti and meatballs. We hope you're hungry for balls, because Piccolo Angolo serves 'em up nice and big. We won't bust your balls if you can't finish.

Casa Nonna

310 W. 38th St., 212-736-3000
Head to this hidden treasure and get your ball fix. We're partial to the polpettine di vitello: These steaming hot veal meatballs in pomodoro sauce are balanced with a cool, creamy dollop of ricotta.

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Never mind the Hamptons

On Friday, take in "Top Gun" on the deck of the Intrepid. / PROVIDED

Memorial Day. Postpone your barbecue for another weekend because the city has much to offer.

1 Honor the heroes: In case you've forgotten, Memorial Day is not simply an excuse for a three-day weekend. To honor the men and women who died in service to our country, head over to the **Little Neck–Douglaston parade** in Queens, the city's largest, on Monday. This year's parade is dedicated to those who served in Vietnam. And a visit to the **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum** seems like a no-brainer with its Summer Salute to Heroes. The Free Summer Movie Series on the flight deck begins Friday with "Top Gun." The rest of the weekend is chockablock with performances, tours and activities.

2 Grab your swimsuit: All **city beaches** are finally open for swimming on Saturday! If you find yourself in Coney Island, take a break from all the sunbathing and go for a heart-thumping spin on the Cyclone at **Luna Park**, which will be open seven days a week starting Saturday.

3 Go for a ride: On Monday, the **Citi Bike** bike-share program will launch its preview week for annual members, and also, **Bike and Roll NYC** will offer free one-hour rentals on **Governors Island**.

Say hi to these cuties at the New York Aquarium. JULIE LARSEN MAHER

4 Entertain the kids This weekend signals the start of the summer season, every child's favorite time of year. On Saturday, take the kids to the **Dinosaur Safari debut at the Bronx Zoo**. Governors Island also opens, and **New York Aquarium** in Coney Island, badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy, will partially open.

Have friends visiting? Tell them to book at **Yotel** so they can ride on specially designed fixies featuring snakeskin-printed leather seats to commemorate the Year of the Snake. P.S: Biking may be one of your only modes of transportation if you live along the **L line**. Trains will not run between Lorimer Street, in Brooklyn and Eighth Avenue in Manhattan, from 11:30 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Tuesday.

5 Stuff your face: From the folks who brought you Smorgasburg, **SmorgasBar** opens at the **South Street Seaport** on Friday. Food vendors include Asia Dog, Blue Marble Ice Cream, Red Hook Lobster Pound and newcomer Fonda. On Monday, **Recette** (328 W. 12th St., 212-414-3000) is offering a three-course brunch from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for $25 per person, and the **Windsor West Village** (234 W. Fourth St., 212-206-1208) will open at noon for its Memorial Day barbecue. Or, enjoy a Spanish twist on barbecue at **Andanada** (141 W. 69th St., 646-692-8762), which will serve a three-course prix fixe with chorizo hot dogs and roasted bananas with cilantro and coconut sauce for $23. If you're on the daring side, **Louro** (142 W. 10th St., 212-206-0606) is hosting a kelp cocktail event with Brendan Smith of Thimble Island Oyster Company ($45).

More fun

Go shopping

We suggest hitting the **Hester Street Fair** (corner of Essex and Hester streets) this weekend. Besides browsing for vintage clothing, jewelry, crafts, home goods and more, you can take part in a ping-pong tournament on Saturday, and on Sunday shop what's touted as Manhattan's largest garage sale, where local vendors sell goods way below price.

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INTIMATE ENCOUNTERS IN
THE GREENE SPACE

WED MAY 29 AT 7 PM
***THE RITE OF SPRING* GOES SOLO**

Bang on a Can All-Star **Vicky Chow** performs a radical piano arrangement of Stravinsky's groundbreaking work for its 100th anniversary.

TICKETS $15

THU MAY 30 AT 7 PM
WQXR PRESENTS: THE ROMANTIC PIANO WITH DAVID DUBAL

Piano scholar **David Dubal** explores romantic works by Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Schumann performed by six exciting young pianists.

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MONDAYS IN JUNE AT 7 PM
MOLIÈRE: COMIC GENIUS

Experience the scathingly hilarious comedies of Molière in staged readings.

JUNE 3: *The Bungler*
JUNE 10: *Lovers' Quarrels*
JUNE 17: *The School for Husbands* and *The Imaginary Cuckold*
JUNE 24: *The Misanthrope*

TICKETS $20 or season pass for $60

WED JUN 12 AT 7 PM
WNYC'S SOUNDCHECK LIVE

Comedian **Tig Notaro**, *30 Rock* composer **Jeff Richmond** and the high-energy pedal steel-driven **Robert Randolph & The Family Band** perform.

TICKETS $20

THU JUNE 13 AT 7 AND 9 PM
CHUCHITO VALDÉS

Hear Cuban piano master **Chuchito Valdés** record his new album as his 14-piece Latin jazz band performs music from the Tropicana of the '40s and '50s.

7 PM Performance and conversation.

9 PM Dance party!

TICKETS $30

WED JUNE 19 AT 7 PM
NEW VOICES IN AMERICAN THEATER

Readings and a discussion with rising star playwrights **Annie Baker**, **Melissa James Gibson** and **Amy Herzon**, moderated by *Village Voice* drama critic **Alexis Soloski**.

TICKETS $15

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The Greene Space: 44 Charlton Street in SoHo

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News & notes

We're obsessed

The next time you're at a party and someone asks for a bottle opener, just pull one off your wrist. Seriously. The bottle cap cuff by NYC designer **Three Jane**, which has a built-in bottle opener, is part of a partnership with **Ooh La La Wines**, a new line of four zesty, low-alcohol varietals at a wallet-friendly $12 each. You can purchase the cuff for $35 come June 10 at www.threejane.com.

LET'S FACE IT: THE BRACELET IS A LOT CLASSIER THAN THAT OLD KEYCHAIN OF YOURS

The Bluths are back

Everyone's favorite family of weirdos, the Bluths, return to TV this weekend. And while we know you'll be binge-watching the new episodes all day Sunday, take a food break at **Three Letters,** (930 Fulton St., 718-622-4679), which is serving a Final Countdown-inspired tasting menu ($45), replete with cornballs, hot ham water, mayonegg, chicken Gene Parmesan with Club sauce and, of course, frozen bananas. "It's a banana, how much could it cost, $10?"

You Cannes eat here!

The Cannes film festival may go through Sunday, but tonight's the last night you can enjoy the special menu that **Beaumarchais** (409 W. 13th St., 212-675-2400) has put together for the annual affair. The $65 four-course tasting menu and rosé wine pairing dinner features decidedly Cannes-inspired dishes like tarte á l'artichaut (artichoke tarte) and lamb chops with tomato confit, goat cheese and chickpea panisse.

Vinos welcome

Who says all the best wines come from Napa? **Edible Brooklyn** is toasting Long Island varietals at Brooklyn Uncorked, a food and wine pairing event at Skylight One Hanson (1 Hanson Pl., 718-783-5437) Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. Pay a flat fee of $50 and dine on some of the city's best fare — Blue Hill, Gramercy Tavern, Hundred Acres and other revered restaurants will be in attendance. Oh yeah, there will be plenty of wine too. VIP tickets still available at ediblemanhattan.com.

MEREDITH ENGEL

Cocktail of the Week

Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of summer, and we couldn't find a more American bottle than Svedka's Stars & Stripes. Take your patriotism one step further by whipping up this punch for your backyard barbecue.

Red, White & Boom
1¼ parts Svedka Stars & Stripes
¾ part lemonade
½ part triple sec
1 part cranberry juice
Juice of 6 whole limes
12 cups ice
Garnish: Whole blueberries & quartered strawberries

Instructions: Combine all ingredients and, starting with approximately 5-6 cups of liquid, stir together with plenty of ice in a large punch bowl. Garnish with berries and serve, adding more ice and fruit as needed. Yields 25-30 servings.

Songza

Warm weather

It's getting nice out! Now is the time to pretend you're in a John Hughes movie as you fall in love with that cutie in the tank top. You'll need an updated soundtrack, of course, and you can find it on the playlist at www.songza.com/listen/warm-weather-wandering-songza. It's 74 songs from the likes of the Guards, Pacific Air and the Velvet Underground, below.

— Songza is a streaming platform that mines years of music history and today's music blogs for the best gems, so you don't have to.

The Velvets went through a bit of a groovy period.

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NOTICE OF FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION REVIEW COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING ON AGENCY ANNUAL CONCESSION PLANS

Notice of a Franchise and Concession Review Committee (FCRC) Public Hearing on Agency Annual Concession Plans for Fiscal Year 2014 pursuant to Section 1-10 of the Concession Rules of the City of New York (Concession Rules), to be held on June 10, 2013, commencing at 2:30PM, and located at 22 Reade Street, Spector Hall, Manhattan. At this hearing, the FCRC will further solicit comments about the provisions of the Concession Rules from the vendor community, civic groups and the public at large. The FCRC shall consider the issues raised at the Public Hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Charter under the City Administrative Procedure Act.

The following agencies submitted an Annual Concession Plan for Fiscal Year 2014: the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Citywide Administration Services, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Sanitation, the New York Police Department, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, the Department of Homeless Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Records and Information Services, the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the New York City Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the Department of Small Business Services, and NYC & Company on behalf of the Department of Small Business Services.

The portfolio of Agency Annual Concession Plans covers significant and non-significant concessions expiring, continuing and anticipated for solicitation or initiation in Fiscal Year 2014. Furthermore, the portfolio covers, *inter alia*:

- Department of Parks and Recreation: mobile food units, food service facilities, golf courses, driving ranges, marinas, tennis professionals, Christmas trees, parking lots, markets, concerts, newsstands, stables, gas stations, amusement venues, ice skating rinks, carousels, ferry services, bike rentals, circus, sailboat rentals, souvenirs and gifts.
- Department of Citywide Administrative Services: maritime and non-maritime occupancy permits.
- Department of Transportation: food kiosks, vending machines, pedestrian plazas, food courts.
- Department of Corrections: food services.
- Department of Sanitation: advertising.
- New York City Police Department: vending machines.
- Department of Housing Preservation and Development: vending machines, café.
- Department of Homeless Services: athletic facilities.
- Department of Environmental Protection: gas purification.
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: drug discount card program.
- Department of Records and Information Services: publication of record collections.
- New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner: DNA swab kit.
- New York City Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the Department of Small Business Service: parking lots, maritime and non-maritime occupancy permits.
- NYC & Company on behalf of the Department of Small Business Services: marketing, advertising, intellectual property & trademark merchandising.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Agency Annual Concession Plans by contacting Laura Ringleheim by phone at (212) 442-1786. Hard copies will be provided at a cost of $.25 per page by check or money order made payable to the New York City Department of Finance. Upon request, a PDF version of the Agency Annual Concession Plans is available free of cost.

MUSIC

The Webutante Ball

Tonight, 7 p.m., Marquee, 289 10th Ave., 646-473-0202, $55
You have a lot of Twitter followers, you use Tumblr, Instagram, Vine and all the other popular social media platforms — but are you a true Webutante? With two floors of dancing and open bars, this year's ball is a good way to find out if you truly are.

Hawk and a Hacksaw

Tonight, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Center, 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, 212-875-5456, Free
Former Neutral Milk Hotel drummer Jeremy Barnes has always had a taste for the sounds of Eastern Europe, and through his band Hawk and a Hacksaw, he's been able to explore his fascination by combining Slavic sounds with indie rock for an unforgettable combination.

Yacht

**Tomorrow, 8 p.m.
Shea Stadium, 20 Meadow St., Brooklyn, $17**
As if you couldn't get enough of the feel-good dance rhythms of DFA Records' Yacht, now they're taking stages with a full band behind them. Throw in Prinzhorn Dance School opening things up and you've got one heck of a dance party.

Genecco & Barbarino Host a Benefit for One Fund Boston

Sunday, Iridium, 6:30 p.m., 1650 Broadway, 212-582-2121, $20
Want to help out the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing while spending a Sunday evening listening to music and trying to wind up the weekend? The waitstaff from Ellen's Stardust Diner present this evening of song and dance to help out their friends in Beantown.

MUSIC

The Shins

**Sunday, 5:30p.m.
Williamsburg Park, 50 Kent Ave., 800-745-3000, $45**
Remember when The Shins were just a really great indie band that wrote that song on the "Garden State" soundtrack that you loved? Now they're a massive band that plays shows like this outdoor gig at the edge of Williamsburg.

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TALKS

The Moth StorySLAM: Technology

Tonight, 7 p.m., Housing Works Bookstore Café, 126 Crosby St., 212-334-3324, Free
Is it your iPhone or Android, Kindle or Nook, laptop or PC that you think deserves a five-minute story told about it at the greatest story slam there is? Step up to the famous open mic and see if you've got what it takes to be a technology storytelling champion.

John Strausbaugh

Tomorrow, 7 p.m., BookCourt, 163 Court St., Brooklyn, 718-875-3677, Free
The Village comes to Cobble Hill as John Strausbaugh discusses "The Village: 400 Years of Beats and Bohemians, Radicals and Rogues, a History of Greenwich Village," presumably to a room full of New Yorkers that have spent plenty of time in the area he wrote an entire book on.

FOOD + DRINK

Lurisia Beer Festival

Today through May 27, Eataly, 200 Fifth Ave., 212-229-2560
Do you like Italian beer? You will after you stop by Eataly, where they're sampling new beers from the country for $5 a glass. As an added bonus, the most specific grocery store in Manhattan will also be featuring tasting specials at their restaurants. You can't go wrong.

Watson Adventures' Munch Around the Village Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, $24, Washington Square Park, 12:30 p.m., 877-946-4868
Think you know where the best pizza, falafel, cannolis and other cheap eats are located around Washington Square Park? This scavenger hunt pits teams against each other to prove that they know where to get the area's superlative sustenance. Call to reserve your spot.

RECREATION

Gotham Cup

Saturday and Sunday, Governors Island, 212-440-2200, Free
Want to see a bunch of guys with muttonchops, old wool uniforms, sticks instead of bats and all sort of other old-time baseball-y things? Governors Island is your destination this weekend for the annual Gotham Cup. Take the ferry to see baseball the way it was played around the time of the Civil War.

Paley Center Loves 'Arrested Development'

Saturday, 12:30 p.m., Paley Center, 25 W. 52nd St., 212-621-6600, $10
Really, who doesn't love the Bluth family and all their hijinks? And with the new episodes of the cult comedy about to premiere, "Arrested Development" mania reaches a fever pitch as the Paley Center does a marathon showing of the best episodes of the beloved show.

THEATER

The Magic Flute

Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway, 212-864-5400, $42
This is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's opera that describes the trials that the human spirit undergoes in order to achieve true love. Spoiler alert: It ends happily ever after. It's also a good dose of culture to counteract the Memorial Day barbecuing madness you'll inevitably take part in this weekend.

COMEDY

Colin Quinn: 'Unconstitutional'

**Tomorrow, 7 p.m.
Barrow Street Theatre, 27 Barrow St., 212-243-6262, $45**
The always-hilarious former "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update anchor tackles the last 226 years of American history after the signing of the Constitution in a little over an hour.

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. At times, you can be the kind of person who doesn't take kindly to interruptions. If something disrupts your day, restrain your anger.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Someone who has helped you in the past would be delighted if you returned the favor. Reciprocity is what keeps the wheels rolling.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Guard against an inclination to be overly possessive of the ones you love. If you cling tightly, it will only drive people away.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You'll be a fierce guardian of those you love. You're not likely to tolerate anyone who tries to take advantage of you or your kin.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Your brain is in high gear, and you'll be a whiz at improving others' ideas. Your sound input will be welcome.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Your financial prospects look good. Your gains will come from things you work on yourself rather than projects of others.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You will be far more effective in activities that you manage than you will as a mere team member.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. If there's a complicated matter you need to sort out, seek out a quiet place in which to think. Try to be free of all distractions.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Associating with some good friends could be more important than usual. However, avoid people who tend to carry the weight of the world.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Unless you're drawn into an exciting or challenging development, this could be just another one of those so-so days.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Although you might be confronted with what most people would consider a challenging situation, you'll see it as an opportunity.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You need to be concerned about the far-reaching effects of your actions, not just the consequences.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

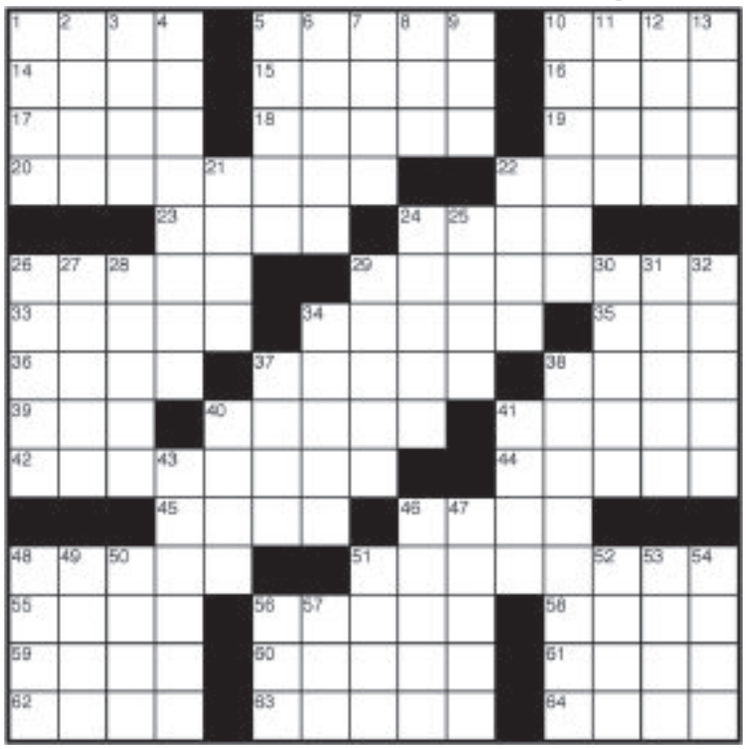
Across

1 Cuts timber
5 Baseball accessory
10 Tumbled
14 Memsahib's nanny
15 Harder to find
16 — fixe
17 Preside at tea
18 Crude carrier
19 Meadow plaints
20 Remote
22 Draws water
23 French wines
24 Plant anchor
26 Around half of us
29 Tries to follow
33 Napoleon's fate
34 Cloves or nutmeg
35 Mich. neighbor
36 Tops
37 Kiosk
38 Adorable
39 Tooth fixer's deg.
40 Stagger
41 Brand of spandex
42 Leave on a trip (2 wds.)
44 Felt sore
45 WWW addresses
46 Liverpool poky
48 Shake awake
51 Within reach
55 Wants to know
56 Steel additive
58 Anthracite
59 Clarified butter
60 Wipe clean
61 Linen vestments
62 Mouth off
63 Major appliance
64 Forfeit

Down

1 Racetrack circuits
2 Melville opus
3 It had three parts
4 Dries up
5 Pun feedback
6 Wildlife refuges
7 Paris hub
8 Two-finger sign
9 Drop the ball
10 Tibia neighbor
11 Mellow cheese
12 Spring
13 Decreasingly
21 Rake tooth
22 Carpet thickness
24 "Gold" or "black" ender
25 Toe-stubber's cry
26 Joins metal
27 Nitrous — (laughing gas)
28 The thick of things
29 Period
30 Be in contact
31 — nous
32 Home finisher
34 Puts in order
37 Knot on a tree
38 Like the seasons
40 Handed-down stories
41 Burma neighbor
43 Whines
46 Cratchits' dinner
47 "Roots" Emmy winner
48 Dust collectors
49 Labor Dept. division
50 Luau strummers
51 Devoutly wish
52 String tie
53 Big black dogs
54 Threat ender
56 Underpinning
57 Ex-Bruin Bobby —

Yesterday's answer



Letters

Put bad practices out of fashion

Re: "There's no reason to traumatize everyone" (Metro, May 22)
Your cover photo of dead Bangladeshi garment workers is a much-needed wake-up call to patrons of American retail giants such as Wal-Mart and the Gap. That picture should be not only distributed to Americans of all ages, but posted at the entrance to every such store in this country. How disgustingly callous and arrogant — and typically American — of certain Metro readers to care more about the emotions of American children than the lives of women and children.

R.B. WILK, VIA EMAIL

The best topics

Re: "There's no reason to traumatize everyone" and "Diaper article a real stinker" (Metro, May 22)
The letters yesterday complaining that Metro printed info they found "wrong" or "repulsive" is the real problem. As a father, I found both articles useful. I used them to discuss capitalism and culture with my daughter so that she will grow up able to debate important topics. The future is in her hands; unfortunately, the present is in the grip of cavemen.

SAULO ZAVALA, VIA EMAIL

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Uneven play

Rangers offense struggling

At even strength in the conference semifinals, the Bruins have outscored the Rangers 9-5. It's one of many troubling statistics.

Only three Rangers — Brian Boyle, Ryan McDonagh and Derek Stepan — have a plus rating. All three are just plus-1.

"I think having the puck more starts with getting the puck from the other team. That's where we have struggled a little bit with our coverages — in our end zone as far as them sustaining battles there," head coach John Tortorella said. "Again, not to enhance Boston but they're a pretty good team, too. That's a big part of their game. So at times we're good at it but we're just not consistent enough."

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Uphill struggle awaits with season on the line

Darroll Powe, pictured, and Arron Asham are the only two Rangers to dig out of an 0-3 series deficit. / NHLI, GETTY IMAGES

NHL playoffs. Ranger Darroll Powe has been in a 0-3 hole to the Bruins before.

Darroll Powe sat at his stall yesterday and regaled the media with memories of the Flyers' 2010 run to the Stanley Cup Finals.

Philadelphia trailed the Bruins 0-3 after the first three games of their second-round series and were down 3-0 after the first 14:10 of the first period of Game 7 before rallying to win the deciding game 4-3. Powe compared the task to climbing a mountain.

The symbolism could not be more appropriate for the Rangers, who enter tonight's Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals best-of-seven-series in a similar 0-3 hole.

"You win that one game and things start to change," Powe said. "After that you worry about the next game, and you realize as you keep going that your confidence builds and grows, and you see the other side kind of go the other way. You can't do any of that without a big next game."

But the overriding question is whether the Rangers, facing an opponent that is bigger, stronger, faster and deeper than the Capitals, is able to generate the kind of complete game effort needed to win Game 4 (7 p.m., CNBC).

Boston has more shots on goal, won more faceoffs, more hits and more power-play goals than the Rangers.

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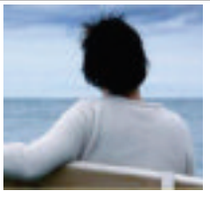

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Mornhinweg facing task of fixing Sanchez

NFL. The Jets opened minicamp yesterday with all eyes on the quarterback competition.

If Mark Sanchez is a better quarterback this year, it might be because he doesn't have Tony Sparano to kick around any longer.

Sparano, the Jets' offensive coordinator for last year's 6-10 season, oversaw Sanchez's nosedive in performance. The quarterback had his worst statistical season since his rookie year, throwing more interceptions than touchdowns.

Now with Marty Mornhinweg calling the plays, Sanchez is hopeful he can bounce back. The experienced offensive coordinator has a reputation for maximizing a quarterback's potential, and he will be charged with rebuilding a fledgling career now at an all-time low.

Mornhinweg has a tough task ahead of him. / GETTY IMAGES

"I just feel like this coaching staff is going to get the best out of me — just rededicating yourself to the game, rededicating yourself to your preparation and just being excited about this system and what it can do for a quarterback," Sanchez said.

"I think just in these early stages we strung together a couple good days of OTAs. We just got to keep it rolling, stay positive and keep on improving. But I like our attitude and I like the coaching we've received so far. I think it's only going to continue to grow and get better."

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Roc Nation

Smith signs with Jay-Z

Jets rookie quarterback Geno Smith announced yesterday he will sign with Jay-Z's new agency, Roc Nation Sports.

Head coach Rex Ryan wasn't concerned with the big-name signing.

"He knows he has to focus on the job at hand here. I'm confident that will happen," Ryan said. "I don't even think about who he hired." METRO

First blood?

Hynoski carted off

It didn't take long for the Giants to suffer their first injury.

Fullback Henry Hynoski was carted off the field yesterday with an apparent knee injury. METRO

NFL. Hakeem Nicks absent from Giants camp on opening day

The Giants officially kicked off the 2013-14 season with organized team activities yesterday as veterans joined the minicamp participants lucky enough to earn a spot on the camp roster.

Conspicuous by their absences, however, were a pair of wideouts: Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks. Cruz's contract dispute is well-publicized, so it wasn't a huge surprise he didn't attend. But Nicks' absence was met with a testy response from head coach Tom Coughlin, who expected his veteran receiver to be front and center when the first unit was on the field.

"He should be here," Coughlin said when asked about Nicks' no-show.

Coughlin wouldn't allow for Nicks perhaps using last season's foot injury as a reason to skip the workouts, saying that even if that was the case, the Giants would've taken the necessary precautions with their prized wideout.

"He would have some kind of limitations, I'm sure," said Coughlin. "But that's not the reason [he's not here]." TONY WILLIAMS

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AZTEC MEDIA GROUP LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/31/2013. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Aztec Media Group LLC, 1173 Grand Concourse 1D, Bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: To engage Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number 1270789 for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at: 89-89 Union Turnpike, Glendale, NY 11385 for on-premises consumption. Regal Corp d/b/a Pizza Classica

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Some people are at higher risk for strokes than others due to factors that they can't control such as age, gender, race and family history, but the risk factors below can be controlled with medication and/or lifestyle modifications.

- ❒ High Blood Pressure
- ❒ Atrial Fibrillation
- ❒ High Cholesterol
- ❒ Diabetes
- ❒ Atherosclerosis

- ❒ Circulation Problems
- ❒ Tobacco Use and Smoking
- ❒ Alcohol Use
- ❒ Physical Inactivity
- ❒ Obesity

Recognize the symptoms of stroke and act FAST

F **FACE**

Ask the person to smile. Look to see if one side of the face droops.

A **ARMS**

Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S **SPEECH**

Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

T **TIME**

IF YOU OBSERVE ANY OF THESE SIGNS, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

Source: National Stroke Association

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